

PERSONAL.

—W. H. Hobb, of Kansas City, is at the Eichler.

—J. M. McCarthy, of Parsons, was in town yesterday.

—Dr. Charles Swap, of Booneville, was a visitor yesterday.

—E. T. Webb, of Webb City, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Hon. J. M. Burguer, of Webb City, Mo., was in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. R. W. Williams, of Cameron, Mo., is registered at the Kaiser.

—J. T. Packard and J. T. Emery, of Chicago, are stopping at the Kaiser.

—Jno. P. Hubble and D. S. Wilson, of Kansas City, are guests at the Kaiser.

—Charles A. Richardson and A. J. Blake, of St. Louis, are registered at the Eichler.

—Mrs. C. P. Rector and Mrs. Van Dyne, of Parsons, Kansas, are at the Eichler.

—Mrs. P. S. Prentice returned yesterday from a visit of several weeks to relatives in Kansas City.

—Will Vanhooser, formerly an employee of the Bazar, arrived on the east bound train last night.

—J. J. Shriker, the East Sedalia jeweler is laid up with a badly hurt foot occasioned by a runaway.

—Ed Andler received a telegram Friday announcing the death of his sister and he at once left for that place.

—Uncle Tom is out of sight, but H. J. Kelley's "Out of Sight Cigar" is still "in it," 112 East Second street.

—Hon. John L. Taylor left for Booneville, Ind., and owing to the illness of his family at that point will locate there.

—Prof. M. A. Wilson, principal of the Otterville public school, accompanied by his wife, was trading in Sedalia yesterday.

—P. G. Bronson, of Greencastle, Ind., who has been visiting in this city for some months past, leaves to-day for Central Illinois.

—Rev. C. H. Wells, the father of Clarence Wells, passed through this city en route to Lamonte, where he will preach to-day.

—Dr. Charles Swap, a prominent young dentist from Booneville, arrived in Sedalia last evening and is the guest of Dr. G. A. Russell.

—Harry Allen who went to Parsons, from this city, has resigned his position with the M., K. & T. and gone to St. Louis, where he will accept a position with the Cotton Belt Line.

—Dr. C. C. Woods, president of Seagriff College, Neosho, was in the city Friday night. He had been attending the educational convention at Fayette, Mo., and the Young Men's Christian Association at Hannibal. Dr. Woods left for Neosho yesterday morning.

—Major Henry A. Newman passed through the city yesterday en route to his home at Huntsville, Mo., to Jefferson City and from there will go to Fulton where he will make an address in behalf of the Confederate home. Mr. Newman will continue his tour until the first half of December has passed and then in all probability will enter a new field of work.

PICKPOCKET WORK.

During the time of one of the largest crowds congregated yesterday, Perry Glenn had his pocket relieved of a gold watch and fifty cents in currency. He reported his loss at once, but as he had no clue whatever to the thief it was almost an impossibility to detect the culprit.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils are entitled to a place on the roll of honor. No. 2, Summit school, having neither been tardy or absent, and standing 100 in department: Olive Frame, Charles Boatright, Ernest Heise, Ella LaFever.

FIFTH STREET PAVING.

To-morrow Mr. Dick Olmsted will put a good force to work in grading East Fifth street preparatory to paving. The work will be pushed through as rapidly as it is possible for men and teams to do it. The work will begin at the Ohio street end.

BEFORE JUSTICE BLAIR.

The Lamonte case—that of Conway and John Fleming and Frank Winters for disturbing the peace of Phebe Shepherd and Albert Cross was up before Justice Fisher yesterday evening. The parties were discharged.

LOOK OUT FOR BOY!

Fifteen years old, dark complexioned; hair cut short; round scar on head; name Frank Moore. Wore light wool hat; riding a sorrell pony, with white face, new saddle and bridle. Carrying a gun and bundle of clothes; also picket rope. Liberal reward for information leading to his return. Address his father, J. F. Moore, Tipton, Mo.

CONFIRMED.

The favorable impression produced on the first appearance of the agreeable liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs a few years ago has been more than confirmed by the pleasant experience of all who have used it, and the success of the proprietors and manufacturers the California Fig Syrup company.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

One sorrel gelding, two years old, all feet white, blazed face; also one small bay mare, thirteen years old, out of Gentry's pasture, two weeks ago. Liberal reward will be paid for information which will lead to recovery of property.

E. W. SEVERIN,
J. H. FLEMINGTON.

THE McCORD CASE.

Preliminary Examination of W. J. McCord for the Killing of John Burress.

At 10 o'clock this morning W. J. McCord was arraigned at the criminal court room before Justices Milo Blair and A. D. Fisher, on charge of the shooting and killing of Jno. Burress. The state was represented by Prosecuting Attorney George Longan, Assistant Wm. Prigmore, Hon. W. D. Steele and P. H. Sangree.

The attorneys for the defense were P. D. Hastian and Wm. Parmelee.

The affidavit for a state warrant made by Ellis R. Smith was read by the attorney for the state.

NICHOLAS YONKERS

being examined on the part of the state deposes and says: Reside on West Main street, Sedalia, Mo., have lived here four years, lately being engaged in the gas works of which James Montgomery is manager; was working there on the night of Oct. 15, 1891, seen a man looks like McCord (identifies McCord) enter the works a little after 12 o'clock at night with a single-burrel gun in his hand; couldn't tell whether it was a shot gun or a rifle; he asked for John Burress, the night watchman and I told him Burress was in the other room and told him how to get there; I am acquainted with Burress and on that night he was engaged at work; heard the shot about two minutes after McCord left me, and left the fire and saw McCord going from the door; I went up to Burress and spoke to him, but received no answer; he was sitting in a chair facing south; went up to him and found him bleeding; I went out and called to the police; saw John Burress afterward dead at coroner's inquest, this was in Pettis county, Mo.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

(Witness was asked to draw a rough plan of the building.) There are two rooms and an office in the building; the boiler room is south of the machine room and divided by a brick partition; McCord came in the southwest corner of the building, and walked up near boiler and asked where watchman was; the gun was held under the arm and didn't notice that he had changed position of the gun after he went out after shooting; he asked for Burress in a usual way, nothing noticeably exciting; when I heard report of gun went out at the northwest corner of boiler room, and called to Burress and not getting an answer I went up to him; it was not dark; it was the same man that I saw leaving the building who came in with the gun; when I went in Burress was sitting in a chair with his feet on a stool and body inclined some to the left; the wound was on the left side behind the ear; I didn't help carry Mr. Burress away.

JOE McDONALD

testified on part of the state as follows: My name is Jos. McDonald; reside on Main street, Sedalia; been here 20 years; have been switchman eleven months; was engaged in that business last October; switch is on crossing of Washington and Lamine; have known McCord four months; saw McCord that night in front of my switch house door; Tom Hickman was with him; McCord had single-burrel shot gun in his hand; this was a few minutes after 12; fireman asked him what he was doing with the gun; said he had just blown a man's brains out; said it was old man Burress son and that he was going out to kill the old man; handed me the gun and I unloaded it; McCord was drunk; after I unloaded the gun I had to go to my duties at the train and stood the gun up in the corner; when I came back McCord was gone, but he came back in a few minutes and got the gun, loaded it and said he was going out to kill the old man; when he got 50 yards from the house heard some one calling me and looked around and seen Jim Gossage; we walked up the track apiece and found McCord about three or four blocks from depot; Gossage took gun out of McCord's hand, handed it to me and I unloaded it; then they took him down town; didn't go to electric plant that night; know Burress by sight only.

Examined by attorneys for defense as follows: I asked him why he killed Burress and his answer was that he had been buggy riding with his wife.

MRS. VELLIE McCORD

being examined says: Resided in Sedalia eight weeks; am not acquainted with John Burress, deceased; have seen him twice at his father's house; he spoke to me and asked me about a box of feed; all he ever said to me was do you know what my wife has done with the box of bran; I said yes, and handed it to him; never spoke to him before or after; knew it was Burress because his mother said so; I was working at his mother's as servant; this conversation was about supper time; never was riding

with Jno. Burress in a buggy; have a boy and a girl.

Examined by attorney for defense: I was at Clinton April 1st and remained until September; never made a statement to newspapers until after Mr. Burress' death; kept boarders at Clinton; couldn't endure the cruel treatment of my husband; went with Mrs. Rice and her two children; never left with any man; worked at Clinton for Deputy Sheriff Bennett; never took up with any other man, but was arrested on the instigation of McCord because I refused to sign deeds; I was arrested and convicted in Clinton and fined \$1 and costs; never was convicted for adultery; McCord finally came after me; never wrote him a letter to come after me; he lived with me, not I with him; while I was gone he sold things out of the house which I had to buy back; knows Mr. Fordner; met him after Christmas last year; he boarded with me at Clinton and he was the man on whose account I was arrested; he visited my house here after some of his things; didn't tell McCord that I was going to stay with a man I thought a good deal more of than him—namely, John Burress; McCord gave me money twice since I have been back; John Burress never did come to my house with another man; went to Mr. Burress' to work the Monday before his son's death.

The state rested its case, and McCord was bound over without bail to await the action of the grand jury.

IS ALUM POISONOUS?

Hill's Journal of Health.

"This question has caused a good deal of discussion. Alum is used by many bakers to whiten their bread, enabling them to use an inferior flour. It is most extensively employed as a cheap substitute for cream of tartar in the manufacture of baking powders. It has not been considered immediately dangerous; although if continued it induces dyspepsia and obstinate constipation. But the fact that many cases of poisoning have occurred from the use of alum, puts the question in a more serious aspect, and prudent people will exercise caution in the selection of baking powders."

"Under what conditions then, does this substance—formerly used only for mechanical or medicinal purposes—become poisonous? They are certainly obscure, and at present we can only surmise what they may be. We suspect that the cause exists in the individual poisoned; some peculiarity of the constitution producing a morbid change in the secretions of the stomach, with which the alum combines and forms an active poison; or the secretions may be healthy, but in unusual proportions, and that these less or greater proportions in combination with the alum constitute a poison."

"For example, two parts of mercury and two parts of chlorine form calomel, which is not poisonous, but change the proportions to one part mercury and two parts of chlorine, and we get corrosive sublimate, which is deadly poison."

"Then again we know nothing of the constitutional peculiarities. Why is it that one person can eat all kinds of green fruits and vegetables with impunity, while the same course might cost another individual his life? One person can handle poison ivy and sumac without being in the least affected; another is poisoned if he approaches to within ten feet of them. Out of a family residing in a malarial district, some of the members will suffer half the year with fever and ague, while the others will enjoy excellent health during the entire year. Foods that are wholesome to some persons are actually poisonous to others. This is especially true of some kinds of fish. There is no safety in taking alum into the stomach, as it is shown to be always injurious, and often dangerous."

The Scientific American published in a recent number a list of alum and ammonia baking powders, which is of great value at this time. Following is the list compiled from official reports. Powders marked with a star seem to have a general sale, as they are mentioned in at least two of the official reports.

*ATLANTIC & PACIFIC. *ROYAL. COOK'S FAVORITE. SCOTCH. CROWN. SILVER SPOON. CRYSTAL. SILVER STAR. DAISY. *SNOWDRIFT. *DAVE'S O. K. SOVEREIGN. DRY YEAST. STAR. GEM. STATE. GLOBE. STANDARD. *KENTON. SUNFLOWER. PEARSON'S. WASHINGTON. PERFECTLY. WINDSOR. FEEBLESS. ZIPP'S GATE. PURITY. CRYSTAL.

There are, in addition to the foregoing list from the Scientific American, a number of such powders sold in the western states not found in eastern stores.

Following is the list to date:

CALUMET.....Contains Alum. (Calumet Baking Powder Co., Chicago.) FOREST CITY.....Contains Ammonia Alum. (Vouvie Bros., Cleveland.) CHICAGO YEAST.....Contains Alum. (Chapman & Smith Co., Chicago.)

BON BON.....Contains Alum. HOTEL.....Contains Ammonia Alum. (J. C. Grant Baking Powder Co., Chicago.) UNKWAILED.....Contains Alum. (Sprague, Warner & Griswold, Chicago.) ONE SPONGE, TAYLOR'S.....Ammonia Alum. (Taylor Mfg Co., St. Louis.) YARNALL.....Contains Alum. (Yarnall Mfg Co., St. Louis.) SHAW'S "NOW PUFF".....Contains Alum. (Merchants' Mfg. Association, St. Louis.) DODSON & HILLS.....Contains Alum. (Dodson & Hills, St. Louis.) SHEPARD'S.....Contains Ammonia Alum. (Wm. H. Shepard, St. Louis.) BAIN'S.....Contains Alum. (Meyer-Bain Mfg. Co., St. Louis.) MONARCH.....Contains Ammonia Alum. (Reid, Murdoch & Co., Chicago.) SNOW BALL.....Contains Alum. (Beugal Coffee & Spice Mills, Chicago.) GIANT.....Contains Alum. (W. F. McLaughlin & Co., Chicago.) MILK.....Contains Alum. (W. F. McLaughlin & Co., Chicago.) ECHO.....Contains Alum. (Spencer Bluing Paddle Co., Chicago.) KALBFELLS PURITY.....Contains Alum. (Kalbfell Mfg. Co., Chicago.) RISING SUN.....Contains Ammonia. (Phoenix Chemical Works, Chicago.) WHITE ROSE.....Contains Ammonia Alum. (Globe Coffee & Spice Mills, Minneapolis.) WOODS' ACME.....Contains Ammonia. (Thos. Wood & Co., Philadelphia.) ANDREWS' PEARL.....Contains Ammonia. (C. E. Andrews & Co., Milwaukee.) HARRIES' FAVORITE.....Contains Alum. (H. H. Harries, Minneapolis.) FIDELITY.....Contains Alum. S. LAR.....Contains Alum. (Sherman Bros., Chicago.) PUTNAM'S BEST.....Contains Alum. (Wells Putnam & Co., Chicago.) CHINA "T" HOUSE.....Contains Alum. (Noah McDowell, St. Paul, Minn.) TWIN CITY.....Contains Alum. (J. A. Ferguson, Minneapolis, Minn.) HERCULES.....Contains Ammonia. (Hercules Baking Powder Co., San Francisco.) CLIMAX.....Contains Ammonia. (Climax Baking Powder Co., Indianapolis.)

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

A Marked Activity in that Line

The following transfers were offered for record yesterday:

C. E. Owens and wife to A. P. Morey, the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 36, township 47, range 20. Consideration, \$175.

George F. Bennett and wife to I. S. and C. S. Owens, the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 36, township 47, range 20. Price, \$1,200.

Ed W. Shultz and wife to W. L. Stroup, a farm in section 27, township 46, range 23. Price, \$3,300.

J. A. J. Downs to S. J. Weathers, lots 11 and 12 block 17, Longan addition to Houstonia. Price, \$135.

H. C. Sinnett, trustee, to sell land of Isaac Hyde in southeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 31, township 48, range 20. Consideration, \$500.

D. E. Longan to W. P. Williams, lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 6, Houstonia. Price, \$200.

J. D. Donohue and wife to Sam'l Moore, 30x140 feet on Washington avenue. Price, \$250.

Warren G. Pemberton to J. D. Donohue, 105x175 feet on Missouri avenue and Cooper street. Consideration, \$265.

Citizens Building and Loan Association to J. D. Donohue, 40x139 feet on Washington avenue. Consideration, \$165.

C. C. Chaney to John T. Oglesby, 40 acres in section 34, township 45, range 20. Price, nominal.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Session Growing in Interest.

There was a session of the Teachers' Institute yesterday morning that was attended by all the teachers in the city.

Rev. A. Machette delivered a most excellent address on the two revelations—Nature and the Bible. Although his time for preparation had been short the effort was a splendid one and heartily appreciated by those present.

This was followed by a fine selection on the piano by Miss Blanche Bronson.

There was also some charming vocal music by the eighth grade of the Prospect school, which evinced the great benefit of this practice in the schools.

The study of Tennyson was an interesting part of the programme, and this poet will figure in the future readings of the institute.

Miss Clayton, of Tennessee, gave an entertaining talk on the subject of physical culture and dress.

The meetings of the institute are becoming more and more interesting.

STRAY NOTICE.

Taken up as a stray on the farm of William H. Rhoads, on the 4th day of August, A. D. 1891, in Lake Creek township, Pettis county, Missouri, one black mare mare, three years old, about thirteen hands high, no marks or brands, and appraised at thirty dollars by Thomas W. Rhoads, Alvin Farris and James Farris. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of October, A. D. 1891.

B. L. HASTINGS,
Justice of the Peace.

THE FIRST HANGING

Pettis County Ever Had and it Was by a Mob April 6, 1867.

The execution of Thos. A. Williamson yesterday brings to mind a terrible tragedy that was enacted in this city in 1867—nearly a quarter of a century ago.

At that time Sedalia and Central Missouri had a gang of toughs who terrorized the people and they hung around for several years, but thanks to the good citizenship of the community the roughs have either "bitten the dust" or gone hence not to return.

KILLING OF JOE GEIMER.

Joe Wood was a local desperado. He was a son of Watson Wood an old and respected citizen. Joe Wood was a drinking man and when in his cups was a tiger. He was a man of great physical strength, and his favorite weapons were the knife and pistol. It was on Saturday morning, April 6, 1867, Joe Wood was drinking and he went into the store of Rod Gallie on West Main street and deposited his pistol with Mr. Gallie for safe keeping.

Joe Geimer kept a saloon on West Main street in a small wooden building which stood where T. B. Erickson's grocery now stands. He was a peaceable, inoffensive German, very popular with his countrymen and with all Sedalia.

USED A KNIFE.

After depositing his pistol with Rod Gallie, Joe Wood went into Geimer's saloon when the proprietor was out and luxuriated in drinking and while there provoked a quarrel with some of the frequenters of the place, and a general fight ensued in which the bar keeper took part endeavoring to quell the disturbance. In the course of the trouble Joe Wood out with a knife and slashed

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across the back of the neck and then ran, it being his favorite pastime to cut or shoot his victim from behind, and then run to a place of safety.

Subsequently, during the same morning, Geimer met Wood on the street and expatiated with him in a kind way regarding the difficulty in the saloon and told Wood that he was living to keep an orderly place. Wood took great umbrage at what Geimer told him and left very angry.

SHOOTS JOE GEIMER.

An hour later Joe Wood secured his pistol, and while Geimer was standing in front of his saloon, in his shirt sleeves and with his hands in his pocket, facing east, Joe Wood walked to within a few feet of his victim and shot him in the back. This occurred about 11 o'clock a. m. April 6, 1867. Wood immediately fled to the hotel kept by Judge D. M. Leet then on the corner where S. P. John's lumber yard now stands. Wood went through the hotel into the back yard and secreted himself in an out house. Jim Turley, George Moses and Mote Cantwell, then policemen went to arrest Joe. He defied them, but after persuasion had been used, he finally told Turley he would surrender to him, with the understanding that he should be protected. He was lodged in the old log jail that stood on the corner of the alley on the east side of Osage street, between Main and Second streets, the latter known then as Lyon street. As the officers were proceeding east on Main street toward the jail, with the prisoner in their custody, the crowds along the street shouting "Hang him! Hang him!" Excitement was at fever heat.

GUARDED IN JAIL.

Adolph and A. W. Winzenburg and Jim Kinsey were secured as guards to watch the jail and keep the prisoner secure. This was done by the authority of Sheriff John Hubbard, who resides now at El Dorado Springs, Mo.

That night was a dark one and cold. The mud was frozen quite hard and ice formed one eighth of an inch thick. The guards of the old jail, which was prolific of cracks and crevices, through which the wind whistled dimly, sat near a red hot stove playing cards on a barrel head, to while away the tedious hours of the night.

At ten o'clock p. m. the information was brought to the jail, or calaboose, that Joe Geimer was dead and Wood was informed that his victim had breathed his last. Wood expressed no sympathy or sorrow, but on the contrary, was defiant and seemed glad that the inoffensive man he had shot was dead.

A HANGING BEE.

Time wore on and the game of cards proceeded on the barrel head. It was midnight and Wood was awake, warming his feet by the stove, with his boots off. A sound came to the door, with a demand in a friendly tone, asking admission. The door

was opened, not suspecting anything wrong, and in rushed an angry mob overpowering the guards.

A man, long since dead, put the noose over the head of Joe Wood and shouted to those outside, who held the other end of the rope, "all right, boys, pull!" and they did pull. It was a fearful struggle.

As said before, Wood was a powerful man and he intended to sell his life as dearly as possible. He caught hold of the logs in the jail and it was a question of strength for sometime, whether the jail would go or whether Joe would follow the men pulling the rope. Strong men pulled at the vile wretch until he had but little clothing left on his person and away went the crowd dragging Joe Wood

OVER THE FROZEN GROUND.

shouting "Vengeance! Vengeance!" He was dragged to Main street, thence west to Kentucky street, thence north on Kentucky street to the entrance of Billy Bloess lumber yard, where now stands the lumber yard of Central Missouri lumber company. They took him to the northeast corner of the lumber yard. After stopping, and while the men were arranging the details of the impromptu execution, then entirely devoid of clothing—perfectly nude, Joe Wood sat up and took the rope from over his head, and then stretched himself out again without saying a word. It is quite probable at that moment, he was in death's throes. The rope was quickly adjusted by those standing by and soon the lifeless body of Joe Wood, the slayer of Joe Geimer, was hanging between heaven and earth. A single pistol shot was fired into the lifeless body as it swayed backward and forward, the effect of a slight breeze that fanned the tragic scene.

THE MOB

retired to their homes quietly and in good order, for it was composed of the best citizens of the then frontier city. In the struggle for life Joe caught in his mouth one of the fingers of one of the men and he bit it to such an extent that the owner experienced a very sore hand.

The next day was Sunday. It was a bright sunny morn, with a crisp air. The body of Joe Wood hung in the lumber yard until 9 o'clock a. m., when John Walde, constable, who then kept a boarding house at the corner of Ohio and Pacific streets, cut down the body and wrapped it in a bed sheet.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Joe Geimer was held from the Presbyterian church that Sunday afternoon, which then stood where Hotel Kaiser now stands. Rev. John Montgomery preached the funeral sermon and an immense throng attended the services. A German singing society, composed of the most prominent citizens of the town, furnished the music for the occasion. He was buried in the city cemetery.

JOE WOOD

had no funeral. His friends did not dare to even have any religious services over his remains, as excitement was at fever heat.

And thus ended the first hanging in Pettis county.

Joe Geimer's widow married again and resides at Pilot Knob, Mo., He has one daughter, a respected lady, residing in Sedalia—Mrs. Hermann Stehn. There are two sons of the deceased living somewhere, unknown to the writer.

The summary retribution and execution of Joe Wood, while terrible at the time, had its good effect. Roughs treated Sedalia better for a long time, in fact some of them still stand in awe of "law and order."

RACKET.

Special line of corsets this week at 50c, 60c, 70c, 75c, 85c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.48, excellent value and a nice line to select from. See our never rip school shoes. School tablets at half price. Eagle 24 Drawing Pencils 4c, 3 for 10c. Tinware at lowest prices.

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